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SUBJ: PRESS ATTACKS U.S. ASYLUM CRITERIA

1. ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT DATED JULY 31 STATES USG GRANTED ASYLUM TO 47 PERUVIANS OF 50 APPLICANTS IN CY 1972, ACCORDING TO FIGURES OF U.S. "REFUGEE DIRECTORSHIP" (DIRECCION DE RUFUGIADOS").

2. LEFTIST DAILY EXPRESSO PLAYED UP AP REPORT, SUGGESTING IT IS PART OF NEW U.S. CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT GOP. EXPRESO ARTICLE POSED SEVERAL QUESTIONS AND MADE FALSE STATEMENTS CONCERNING USG PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING ASYLUM REQUESTS, INCLUDING ASSERTION THAT EMBASSY MAKES FINAL DETERMINATIONS ON REFUGEE STATUS. ARTICLE IMPLIES USG EMPLOYS INAPPROPRIATE CRITERIA AND REQUIRES INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE FOR APPROVAL OF POLITICAL ASYLUM APPLICATIONS, REFLECTING SEVERE SENSITIVITY TO SUGGESTION THAT GOP WOULD PERSECUTE ANYONE.

3. EMBASSY EXPECTS QUERIES AND URGENTLY FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (1) NUMBER OF PERUVIAN APPLICANTS FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM AND NUMBER GRANTED FOR EACH CALENDAR YEAR 1967 THRU 1972, (2) SUMMARY OF CRITERIA FOR GRANTING ASYLUM; (3) SUMMARY OF CURRENT PROCEDURES

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FOR HANDLING ASYLUM REQUESTS; (4) GUIDANCE ON HOW

EMBASSY SHOULD RESPOND IF REQUESTED TO REVEAL NAMES  
OF PERUVIANS GRANTED ASYLUM AND REASONS FOR APPROVAL,  
IN VIEW OF GOP SENSITIVITIES; (5) ANY OTHER INFORMATION  
DEPARTMENT BELIEVES USEFUL IN ANSWERING INQUIRIES.

4. EMBASSY KNOWS OF NO CASE OF PERUVIAN HAVING BEEN GRANTED  
ASYLUM STATUS AND IN MEANTIME WE PLAN STALL INQUIRES WITH  
STATEMENT WE HAVE READ ARTICLES AND ARE INVESTIGATING  
FACTS.  
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